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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Kenneth C. Edelen of Alton, who passed away on November 15, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on June 1, 1928, in Alton, son of James L. and Anna (Golden) Edelen; he married the former Margaret "Jeanette" Johnson on September 11, 1953, in Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, He worked at Granite City Steel for 37 years, retiring in 1993; he served in the United States military for 7 years, 3 years in the Army and 4 years in the Navy during the Korean Conflict; he was a member of the Alton Eagles FOE 254 and Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jerseyville; and

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WHEREAS, He loved gardening, reading, going for long walks, working crossword and jigsaw puzzles, cooking, being of help to anyone in need and most of all, spending time with his kids and grandkids; thanks to the constant help he gave to his daughters, he became an accomplished plumber, electrician, carpenter, painter, and most importantly, father and grandfather; he enjoyed taking day trips to St. Luke's with his wife and visiting the shops and restaurants in Chesterfield, Missouri; and

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1           WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his  
2           brothers, Richard, Raymond, and Harold Edelen; and his sister,  
3           Vivian Hewlett; and

4           WHEREAS, Kenneth Edelen is survived by his wife, Margaret;  
5           his daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Charles Parker, Sheila  
6           Beasley, Jane and Mike Bracht and Sarah and Mark Lewis; his  
7           grandchildren, Casey Andrew Parker, Sarah Margaret Parker,  
8           Abigail Elizabeth Parker, Samuel Charles Parker, Emily Jane  
9           Beasley-Furrow, Charles Christopher Beasley, Michael Jon  
10          Bracht, Lucy Jane Bracht, James Kenneth Bracht, Andrew Louis  
11          Bracht, Madeline Rose Lewis, Martha Jeanette Lewis, Peter  
12          Joseph Lewis, and John Francis Lewis; and his 4  
13          great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

14          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
15          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16          his family and friends, the passing of Kenneth Edelen; and be  
17          it further

18          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19          presented to the family of Kenneth Edelen as a symbol of our  
20          sincere sympathy.